



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF YEAR 13 PROGRAMMING IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SYSTEM

- WHEREAS:** According to U.S. News & World Report, Boston is home to some of the best colleges and universities in the country; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We live in a competitive global economy that requires our students to have effective skills to access and fully participate in this global economy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston Public Schools have considerably expanded their investments into programming and resources to close the achievement gap; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Public School system is home to over 16,000 high school aged students across over twenty high schools throughout the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Data has shown that students who are looking to excel academically and professionally benefit from a structured, additional year of academic enrichment; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A number of schools across the country have implemented such programs which provide an extra year of high school, allowing for transition into post-secondary educational; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A fifth year of high school, or a “Year 13”, would allow success for students on track to enter not only four-year colleges, but also for students entering vocational, technical, or community college.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the feasibility of implementing a Year 13 program in the City of Boston’s Boston Public School System. Representatives from the Boston Public Schools, City of Boston’s Education Cabinet, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.